

## Webinar: Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination in South & Central America, and Spanish-speaking Caribbean

**Monday 28 October at 3:30 PM CET** at <https://fuze.me/52945947>

The Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA) of the World Council of Churches (WCC) is presenting a webinar on ***Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination in South & Central America, and Spanish-speaking Caribbean.***

**MR NICOLAS SOSA**, CCIA Commissioner, will be moderating the webinar.

### **SPEAKERS** (*alphabetical order*):



**Rev. Joana Darc** is a pastor of the Methodist Church of Brazil. She is the Executive Secretary of Life and Mission in the national area, and works with social action in the accompaniment of projects that the Methodist Church carries out in different regions of the Brazilian territory. She is responsible for monitoring the sending of missionaries outside and within Brazil. She develops campaigns in the national area related to social action and mission, and accompanies actions in the areas of Church education and administration. She is the president of Diaconia, a non-profit Brazilian Christian social organization that aims to promote justice and social development.

**Mr Beneco Enecia** is Director of CEDESO - Center for Sustainable Development - and coordinator of Dominicans for Rights, a platform that accompanies and claims the right to Dominican nationality of denationalized and stateless persons in the Dominican Republic. He was born in Batey 7, Province Independencia, graduated from the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo. Since he was young, he dedicated to defending human rights and the social insertion of the migrant population and family. He accompanies bateyana families, works in political advocacy to make visible the conditions of some 133,000 people of Haitian descent given the restrictive nationality and arbitrary denationalization policy of the Dominican State.



**Prof. Rev. Dalia Eunice Juárez Fernández** comes from the Mexican Nahuatl indigenous culture. She was the first indigenous woman in Mexico to be ordained as a Baptist pastor. She holds a master's degree in Latino Ministries from the Palmer Theological Seminary of the United States. She currently acts as the General Coordinator of the Mayan Intercultural Seminar in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas-Mexico. In addition to her administrative responsibilities, her passion for teaching includes bible studies, pastoral counselling, interculturality, indigenous realities, ecumenism, gender, human rights (especially of indigenous peoples) and peacebuilding.



**Ms Gabriela Liguori** is the Executive Director of the Argentine Commission for Refugees and Migrants – CAREF since 2006. She has a BA on Social Work from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA), and has completed a Specialization in Planning and Management of Social Policies and studied the Master in Social Policies of the same House. Gabriela is a Professor in the Social Work Career of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the UBA and the National University of Lanús (UNLa). She is also in charge of “Human Rights and Asylum” in the Specialization on Human Rights, Migration and Asylum from the Center for Human Rights and Justice of the National UNLa.

**Dr. Betty Ruth Lozano-Lerma**, Colombian, researcher, anti-racist and popular feminist. Sociologist, master in philosophy and doctor in Latin American Cultural Studies. She is interested in issues related to the experience of multiple oppressions that converge on black women, about which she has published since 1992. In recent years she studies the issue of violence against racialized women in relation to the expansion of neoliberal capitalism and she has been critical of the violence against women within the movements or organizations to which they belong. She has worked for several years as Director of Research of the UNIBAUTISTA of Cali.



**Rev. Joel Ortega Dopico** is the President of the Cuban Council of Churches (CIC). He graduated from the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Matanzas (SET) 1997. He is a Pastor at Presbyterian Reform Church in Cuba (IPRC) in Varadero Cuba. Previously, he was a Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Board at the SET, General Council of the Synod IPRC (2004 -2012), Deputy Chair of the Caribbean and North American Council for Mission and the Steering Committee of the Caribbean and North America Area Council of the WCRC (2004-2012), Vice President of the Cuban Council of Churches (CIC) (2008-2012).

He currently is a member of the ExCom - Governing Board of ACT Alliance. He has been a speaker at various conferences and events in more than 35 countries.

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